

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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R 101616Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NASSAU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 940  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (REMOVE BT IN REPEATED HEADER)

E.O. 11652: GDS

FOLLOWING BEING REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO QUOTE

DE RUEBNEK #0127 1281430  
ZNY CCCCC  
P 081415Z MAY 78  
FM NAVFAC GRAND TURK  
TO RUEBNEB/COMOCEANSYSLANT NORFOLK VA  
INFO RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC  
RUCBSAA/CINCLANTFLT NORFOLK VA  
RUCLDHA/COMNAVFORCARIB ROOSEVELT ROADS PR  
RUEHCR/USNLO NASSAU BAHAMAS  
RUCLBQA/US AUX AFB GRAND TURK  
C O N F I D E N T I A L //N03800//  
ARSON IN TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (U)  
SITREP ONE  
-. NAVFAC GRAND TURK 070500Z MAY 78  
1. (C) FOLLOWING SUBMITTED TO UPDATE REF A:  
(A) A MEETING OF USAF/PANAM, GRAND TURK PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE  
AND NAVFAC PERSONNEL WAS HELD AT THE USAF BASE AT 070900LZT  
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MAY 78 TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT  
OF FUTURE FIRES.  
(B) THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES AND PROCEDURES WERE INFORMALLY  
ESTABLISHED:

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- (1) PUBLIC WORKS DEPT GRAND TURK CONSOLIDATE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT OWNED BY GOTC AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITY.
  - (2) ONCE GOTC EQUIPMENT IS MADE AVAIL, USAF/PANAM AND NAVY WILL ASSIST IN CONDUCTING BASIC FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING TO SELECTED GOTC PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL.
  - (3) BOTH USAF/NAVY WILL INVESTIGATE AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS FIRE FIGHTING MATL FOR DONATION TO GOTC.
  - (4) USAF/PANAM TRUCK/PERSONNEL WILL RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM GOTC POLICE FOR FIRE FIGHTING ASSISTANCE IF USAF TRUCK NOT REQUIRED FOR USAF SUPPORT.
  - (5) NAVFAC TRUCK WILL NOT RESPOND UNLESS LIVES OR PROPERTY OF U.S. CITIZENS ARE ENDANGERED OR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS OR HOMES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE GOTC ARE THREATENED. IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR FIRE REQUESTS FROM THE USAF FOR FIRE FIGHTING ASSISTANCE WILL BE HONORED.
2. (C) NONE OF THE ABOVE IS IN THE FORM OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT. NO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PDM GOTC WERE PRESENT AT THE 7

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MAY MEETING. PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL ATTENDING WERE BRITISH AND IF PAST HISTORY REPEATS, WILL HAVE A CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFICULT TIME ORGANIZING A FIRE DEPARTMENT TO EXTINGUISH POLITICALLY MOTIVATED FIRES.

3. (C) THE NIGHT OF 7 MAY WAS EXTREMELY QUIET WITH MOST RESIDENTS REMAINING IN THEIR HOMES. LOSSES FROM THE SATURDAY NIGHT FIRE WERE MOSTLY CONFINED TO THE RESIDENCE, STORE HOUSE, SMALL BUSINESS AND ADJACENT BAR OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE ARIZA BROTHERS, PROMINENT CITIZENS AND MEMBERS OF THE PNP PARTY. DOLLAR VALUE IN STOCK ALONE EXCEEDED \$30K. ALL LOSSES WERE UNINSURED. SEVERAL ADJACENT RESIDENCES WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. THE POLICE STATION WAS THREATENED PRIOR TO THE COMMITMENT OF USAF AND NAVFAC FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCES.

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